

Acknowledging WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

The Association of Municipal Electricity Utilities (AMEU) is an association of municipal electricity distributors as well as national, parastatal, commercial, academic and other organisations that have a direct interest in the electricity supply industry in Southern Africa. It aims to promote quality of service and management excellence in its memberships as well as provide an advisory service to its members and the customers of its members.

The leadership of AMEU realised the need to form a body that would empower women to become a critical mass in the electricity industry through the recruitment and development/ coaching of women. Having been a male dominated industry for a long time, the electricity industry is ready for change – positive change – through the employment of capable women. By targeting female workers in the industry, females with relevant skills in other industries, students and prospective students, this body will prepare women to compete at par with men in the industry.

It was therefore, a huge privilege for a sizeable group of women Guardians to be part of the pre-launch of this body at the ICC on Monday, 03 August 2015. Invited by the GM, Azwi Mamanyuha, these Guardians joined a host of other women in the industry from across the nation to map the way forward for the AMEU Women In Electricity (WIE) society.

Four panelists tackled challenging issues that women in the electricity industry face, which set the ground for an open discussion. The issues ranged from opportunities available for women to survival in the industry. This set the backdrop for group sessions to determine what the WIE society should focus on, with emphasis on implementable programmes.

There were also nominations to WIE Working Committees that will hash out and refine the programmes.



We are pleased to announce that one of our Guardians, Prisha Harigen, was nominated onto the Committee. Well done Prisha! We wish her all the best and are looking forward to what the society will come up with to assist in uplifting women in our organisation.

Meet Prisha Harigen...



"Having graduated four years ago with my National Diploma in Electrical Engineering and currently completing my B Tech in the same discipline, I am fairly young in the Engineering industry. So it was a privilege to be surrounded by such powerful, accomplished and inspiring women from across our industry at the AMEU Women in Electricity Pre-Launch.

Being employed in Asset Creation's Network Engineering & Design (as a Design Technician) for the past three years, and working extensively on electrification projects in deep rural KZN, has opened my eyes to but just a fragment of the despair that lingers in such areas. My hope is to make a difference in the lives of the young women in such areas. To bring hope and, most importantly, to create change.

"You strike a woman , you strike a rock!" is a mantra I strongly believe in, but to make a woman strong and believe in herself, women empowerment is needed. The AMEU – Women in Electricity aims to aid in the empowerment of women currently in the Engineering fraternity as well as promoting and supporting young girls and women to join the Engineering industry through various programmes and initiatives. Being a part of such a committee is an excellent platform to address issues faced by women in Engineering, and it is with great vigor and determination that I take on the challenge."

OUR PURPOSE

To provide sustainable electricity solutions to grow the economy and improve the quality of life of people in South Africa and in the region.

OUR VISION

We envision to become a World-Class Power Utility

OUR VALUES

Zero Harm Sinobuntu
Integrity Customer Satisfaction
Innovation Excellence

GUARDIANS